

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 2**  
**SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**  
**SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville,  
 Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa,  
 Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 2 during second quarter 2003 was 379,388, an increase of 1.5% from the first quarter 2003, and an increase of 0.8% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 16 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 16.9% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 24. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 2 with 45,765 employees, or 12.1% of total employment. East Baton Rouge was the leading parish with 243,211 employees, or 64.1% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.5% from the same period in 2002, and increased by 0.02% from the first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$589.29. Iberville parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$750.74.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 2 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 2" beginning on page 27.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Ascension	\$ 648.03
East Baton Rouge	613.78
East Feliciana	512.78
Iberville	750.74
Livingston	433.72
Pointe Coupee	474.10
St. Helena	421.76
Tangipahoa	438.21
Washington	458.90
West Baton Rouge	588.86
West Feliciana	725.12

The number of reporting units in RLMA 2 for second quarter 2003 was 21,860.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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